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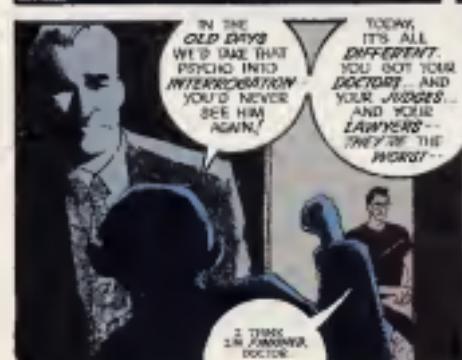
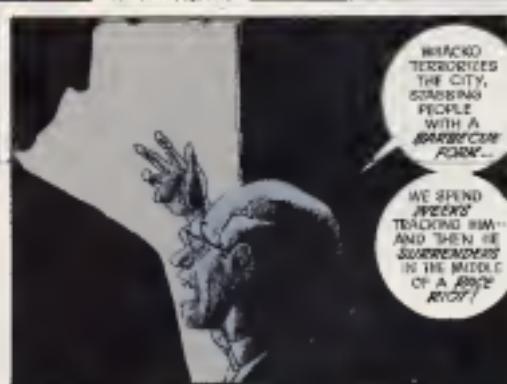
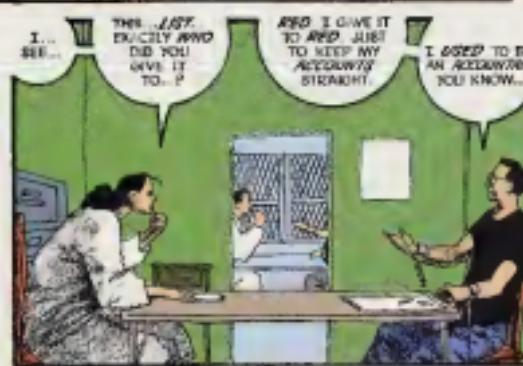
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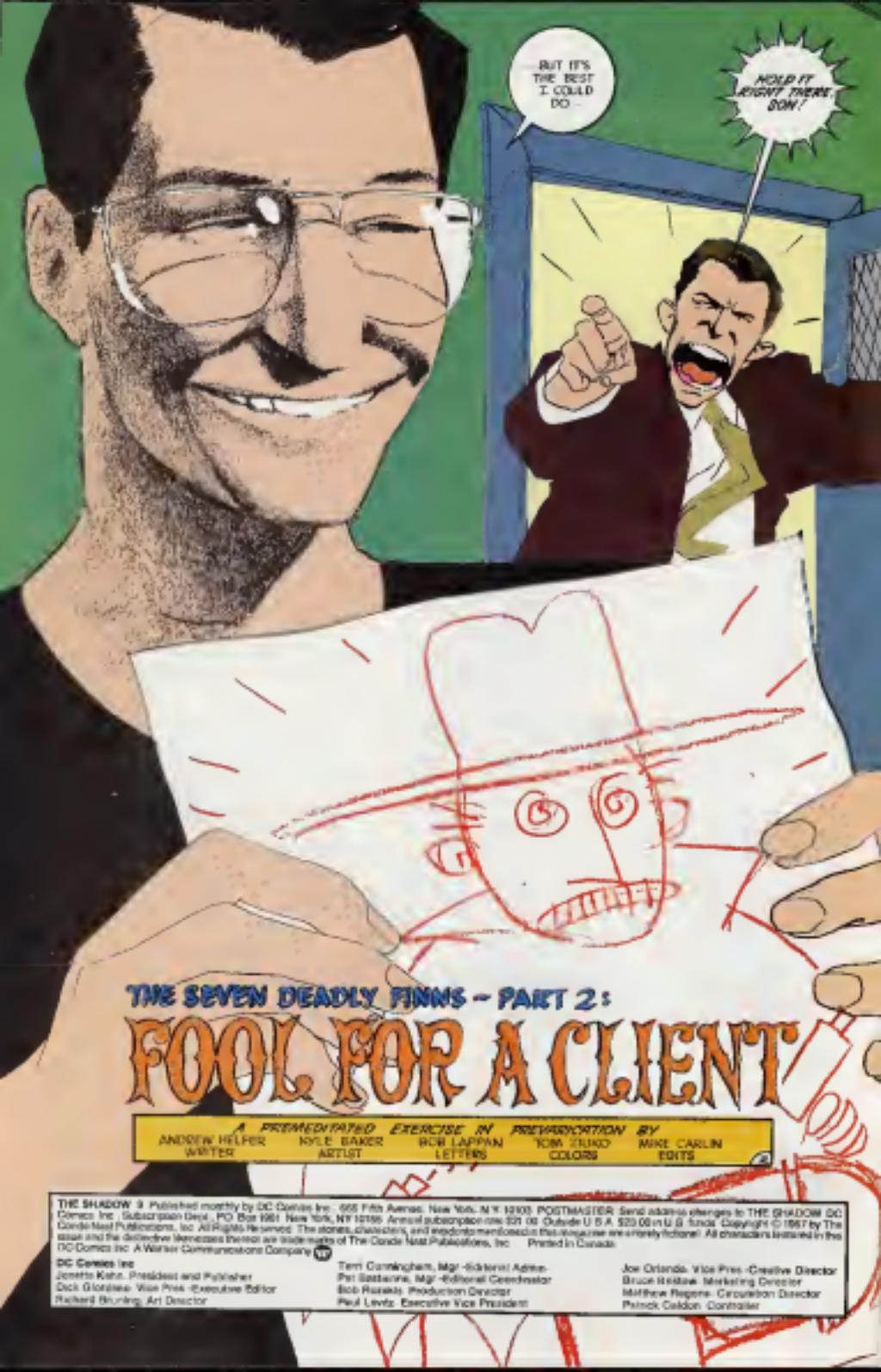
# THE SHADOW™



SEVEN DEADLY FINNS • Part 2







## THE SEVEN DEADLY FINNS - PART 2: FOOL FOR A CLIENT

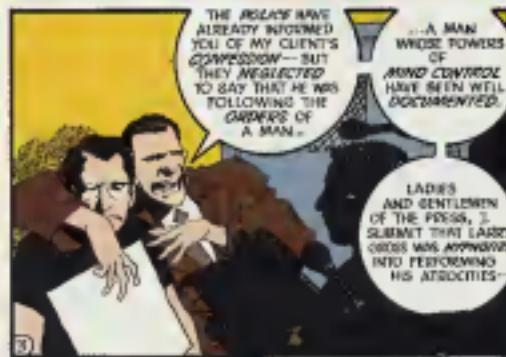
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OF THE PRESS, I SUBMIT THAT LARRY GROSS WAS APPROPRIATELY APPROPRIATED INTO PERFORMING HIS ATROPHIES—



CHRIST,  
HERNIMUS BACK,  
WON'T YOU JUST  
ARROW IT...

THE CITY'S BLEAZIEST  
DEFENSE ATTORNEY--  
HE REPS MURKERS  
FOR FORTUNE AND  
LEMURS FOR FAME.

BEEN LEANING  
TOWARDS THE  
CRAZIES LATELY,  
SIR-- HE'S GOT  
FIVE CASES  
ENTERED IN THE  
COURT DOCKET--  
ALL INVOLVING  
ALLEGED  
HOMICIDAL  
KILLERS.

THAT'S ALL  
FOR NOW, BOYS--  
WE'LL GET  
BACK TO YOU  
WHEN OUR  
JURISTS ARE  
READY...

-- MAKE SURE  
NOT TO LEAPIN'  
YOUR BACK ON  
LARRY THERE--  
YOU NEVER KNOW  
IF HE'S GONNA--

HEY--  
LOOK!

AND NOW  
HE'S TRYING TO  
PIN THIS ONE  
ON THE  
ARMED...

IT'S  
INSPECTOR  
CARDOZA!

OH  
CHRIST.

TAKE IT EASY, SIR--  
CHIEF MARX IS NODDIN'  
HEAD OVER THE WAY YOU  
HANDLED THE PRESS  
THE OTHER DAY--  
AND REMEMBER  
YOUR REASIN'--

HANG ON,  
INSPECTOR--  
WE'VE  
GOT A FEW  
QUESTIONS--

-- CARE  
TO COMMENT  
ON  
MISTER BACH'S  
ALLEGATIONS--

NOW, LOOK,  
BOYS-- WE  
HAVEN'T BEEN  
SEEING  
EYE-TO-EYE  
LATELY--

-- AND MY PATRON'S  
BEEN TELLIN' ME TO  
TAKE IT EASY--  
KEEP THE BLOOD  
PRESSURE DOWN...

-- SO I'M  
GOING TO KEEP  
MY PANDER DOWN  
AND TURN YOU OVER  
TO MY ASSISTANT--  
MAX PUFRESON.  
HE'LL BE HAPPY TO  
ANSWER YOUR  
QUESTIONS--

MAX--?

MAX--?

-- THAT  
THE POLICE  
HAVE  
ARRAISSED  
A CONFESSION  
OUT OF HIS  
CLIENT--

-- AND THAT  
YOUR DEPARTMENT  
IS COVERIN' UP  
THE BARDON'S  
INVOLVEMENT--?

YEAH,  
LORELAI-- THAT'S  
RIGHT-- THE ARMED.  
SEE IF YOU CAN GET  
IN TOUCH WITH  
ARMED. LET HER  
KNOW--

SORRY, HON, BUT  
SHE'S OVER IN THE  
PARK-- SEEINS'  
EVERYONE IS  
TODAY--

WELL, THAT'S  
JUST GREAT...  
LOOK, I GOTTA  
RUN AND GET  
BACK TO JOE  
BEFORE HE--

-- AND  
GET THE HELL  
OUTTA  
MY FACE!!

-- EXPLODES.

OH YEAH, NAVIS...  
THIS IS JONIE  
WE'RE HAVING...FROM  
THE ARRESTS OF  
CENTRAL PARK...

SAY, I SPOTTED A  
PAIR OF FEASIMERS  
AN HOUR AGO --  
THINK THE MAFIA  
WANT TO KILL  
EM, OR --

WHEEEEE!



JEZU!

WOK

Y'KNOW, WHAT'S  
GOING ON -- ?  
ARE YOU --

FINE,  
MURKIS -- IT'S  
JUST THE 2475  
PLACE IS  
CARRYING  
WITH 'EM --

IT GETS WORSE  
AFTER DARK -- THEN  
THEY READELY  
COME OUT --

THANKS,  
NAVIS...

LET'S HOPE  
OUR XMAS  
ARRIVES BEFORE  
THEY... YOU HEAR  
FROM DWYTT  
LATELY -- ?

YEAR, SURE.  
I WAZ JUST  
DAYDREAMIN'  
Y'KNOW...

HE'S SUPPOSED  
TO BE RUMMING  
INTERFERENCE  
FOR THIS OPERATION.  
BUT MOST OF THE  
TIME, HE'S THE  
INTERFERENCE.

Y'KNOW, ELT --  
JUST 'CAUSE YER  
MAD AT ME  
AIN'T NO REASON  
TO JEWELATION  
WITH MY  
REPUTATION!



YEAR, WELL,  
JUST HOPPY IT  
UP, DWYTT --  
WE HAVEN'T GOT  
ALL NIGHT --

JOE  
LIKE DIS  
REMINDS ME  
OF MY  
HIGH SCHOOL  
DAYS

...TOMORROW



WHAT TH--? YOU HEAR THAT, SED? IT SOUNDED LIKE SOME KIND OF EXPRESSION!"

"MAYBE IT'S A CROW! I NEVER TRUSTED THAT FIRM GUY - SETTING UP A DROP IN CENTRAL PARK--"

"FRANK, FRANK-- THE DOGS ARE TOO HOT TO TRADE ANYMORE! THIS MAKES SENSE! NO ONE'S GONNA TO LOOK HERE--!"

"I'D JAWFAR IT WAS SOME KIND OF EXPRESSION-- SOUNDED LIKE A GLASSMORSE, OR--"

"DON'T MENTION IT, LEON-- PROBABLY A GAZ MARSH OR SOMETHING I MEAN, THIS IS NEW YORK CITY, RIGHT?"

"THINGS EXPLODE HERE ALL THE TIME..."



"I DON'T KNOW, SED. PINKS TOLD HIR INLAND FOR ME-- DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE UNLESS--"

**KATHUNK**

"WHAT WAS THAT?"

"STOP BEING SO ANTICS, FIRRIN' REACHIN' HIT THE ROOF, THAT'S ALL--"

"--LOOK-- THAT MUST BE THEM!"

"MAN, JEE, GROSS AMEPU MO BON, IMPORTED DIRECTLY FROM SPAIN--THREE GROSS BULLPUP MOZ'S FROM FINLAND...WE'LL MOVE 'EM THROUGH THE CLUB IN NO TIME--"

"--TURN A SIX HUNDRED PERCENT PROFIT OVERNIGHT!"

"MISTER FINN-- THAT LOOKS LIKE THEM!"



"YEAH, YOU ARTINUS FIRRIN?"

"THAT'S RIGHT, SASSOR MONEY'S ALL HERE, JUST LIKE WE AGREED."

"FIRST, THOUGH, I'D LIKE TO CHECK OUT YOUR--"

**HAHAHAHAHAHAH**

"--GOODS."





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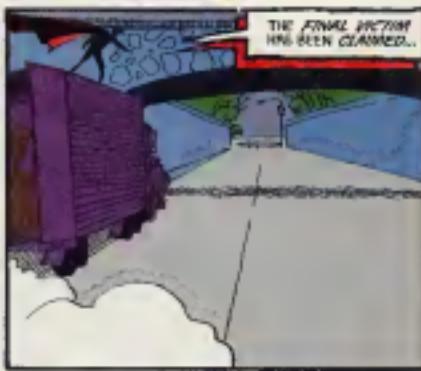
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GET DOWN! HE'S GOT SOME KIND OF MACHINE GUN IN THESE!



ALL THAT'S LEFT IS THE CLEANING UP--  
AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S IN OUR JURISDICTION.

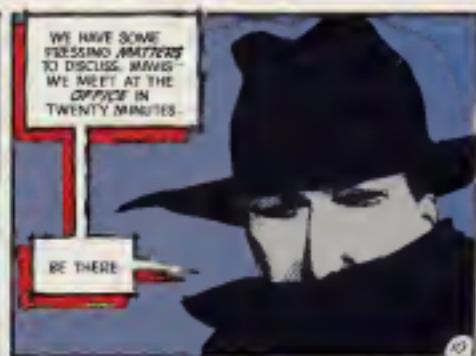
SO UNLESS THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE, I'D LIKE TO GET OUT OF THIS JELLY COSTUME AND TAKE A LONG HOT...



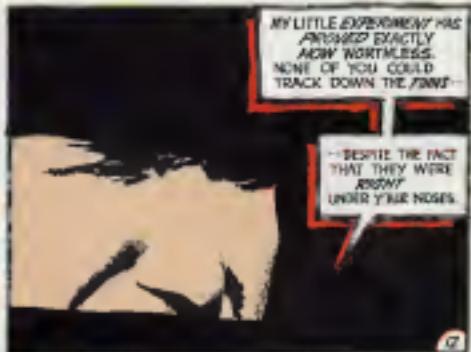
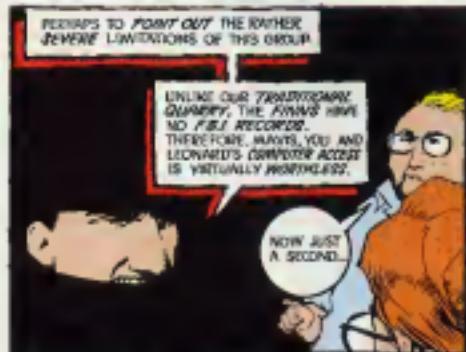
HERE--  
YOU TELL HER.

WE HAVE SOME PRESSING MATTERS TO DISCUSS, MAVIS--WE MEET AT THE OFFICE IN TWENTY MINUTES.

BE THERE.







WEIL,  
THAT'S  
JUST  
GREAT...

WE  
DEDICATE  
OUR LIVES  
TO THIS  
GAME  
AND YOU  
GO AROUND  
PLAYING  
GAMES  
WITH ASY!

WHAT  
THE HELL'S  
GOING ON ASY?  
I ALWAYS THOUGHT  
WE WERE A  
TEAM!

YOU THOUGHT WRONG, ELTON!  
WE ARE NOT A "TEAM."

YOU WORK FOR ME - NOT  
WITH ME. YOU ARE MY  
AGENT... MY EMPLOYEE

...YOU  
SLAVES...  
YOU  
MURKANT!

CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL, ELTON -

BUT DO NOT FORGET IT...

LOOK, FELLAS -  
THIS IS GETTING  
PRETTY HEAVY

WHY DON'T WE JUST  
CATCH DOWN AND GET  
TO WORK. BURNING  
THIS JOINT BEFORE THE  
FINK FOLK MAKE  
A SURPRISE  
APPEARANCE...

IT'S ALREADY BEEN  
TAKEN CARE OF...

BURBANK - P  
HILLO, MISS MARY -  
BEEN A  
LONG TIME!

GUESS IT'S  
MY FAULT,  
THOUGH...  
ME TO SORRY  
DON'T GET OUT  
MUCH...

I DON'T  
BELIEVE IT?  
THAT GUY'S  
A LIVING  
REED...

PERHAPS... BUT HE HAS  
SERVED ME WELL - FOR  
FIVE DECADES, AS WELL  
AS THE PAST WEEK

IN THAT TIME I HAVE  
LEARNED AWHOLE  
PINN OPERATIONS ALL  
ALONG THE EAST COAST.

UNFORTUNATELY, LAST  
WEEK'S STREET RIOT  
APPEARS TO HAVE  
JAWASH THE PINN'S  
SENSE OF SECURITY.  
THEY'VE LEFT HERE -  
FOR GOOD, IT SEEMS

WE MUST PICK UP THE TRAIL  
FIND THEIR CURRENT  
MEETING PLACE

TO DO THAT, I SUSPECT  
YOU WILL NEED CERTAIN  
INFO. AFTER ALL  
BURBANK IS ONLY ONE AREA

LOOK UP A RU - TWITCH  
MENTIONED HIM. HIS  
NAME IS MARGRET.

IN THE MEANTIME, I HAVE SOME  
UNWANTED BUSINESS TO ATTEND  
TO REGARDING TODAY'S ASSAULT  
AGAINST THE ARMY EMPIRE...

"BUT FIRST, I BELIEVE I'LL SEE WHAT'S BECOME OF  
ARMANDO..."

WOULD  
YOU JUST  
LOOK AT THIS?  
HALF PAST 7:00  
AND THEY'RE  
NOT HERE!

HONESTLY, HARRY -- YOU  
WORRY SO  
MUCH MADE SURE  
THE POLICE WOULD  
RETURN YOUR  
ARM...

-- SO WORRY  
IF THEY'RE A  
FEW MINUTES  
LATE?

HARRY -- I'VE BEEN  
THINKING ABOUT ALL  
LONG AND HARD  
LATELY -- AND  
I'VE COME TO A  
CONCLUSION

WE BOTH KNOW  
WHO COMES FIRST  
IN YOUR LIFE --  
AND IT ISN'T  
ME!

YOU  
MAY BE HIS  
AGENT -- BUT  
I FEEL LIKE I'M  
HIS ATTORNEY!  
I CAN'T STAND  
BEING NEAR  
HIM --

-- SO, I THINK IT'S TIME  
WE JUST LOOKED AT IT  
REALISTICALLY  
AND CALLED IT  
QUITS

TIL  
GO BACK TO  
MOSCOW  
AND THE LIFE OF A  
WEALTHY SOCIALITE  
MOSCOW AND YOU  
CAN GO BACK TO  
DODG  
LAW...

WHATEVER  
IT IS  
YOU DO...  
WITH ARM...

PLEASE,  
MARCO --  
YOU'RE  
NOT BEING  
FAIR!

I WANTED  
TO GO ON  
VACATION -- I  
EVEN ASKED HIM  
TO ALLOW US  
A LEAVE OF  
ABSENCE...

THERE YOU GO  
WITH THAT  
"DAD" BUSINESS  
AGAIN!

I DON'T  
WORK FOR ARM...  
WILL YOU EVER  
GET THAT THOUGH  
THAT THICK HEAD  
OF YOURS?

I COULD TRY...  
I EVEN THINK  
I COULD  
MANAGE IT

-- BUT YOU'VE  
GOT TO SEE  
THAT HE NEVER HE-  
RE SAID SO!

AND  
WITH THOSE  
NASTY FINS  
RUNNING LOOSE  
AND THE WAY  
THOSE ANDALUSIANS  
DESTROYED MY  
ARM...

HONK  
HONK

AH!  
THERE  
THEY ARE  
NOW!

SO WHAT IF  
WE'VE GOT  
TO GET GOING,  
MARCO -- YOU KNOW  
THE JAZZIE  
DESPISSES  
TARDINESS...

HER, I DO  
HARRY VINCENT!  
AND WE AIN'T  
WANT TO UPSET  
THE MAFIA KIDS,  
WOULD WE?

-- SO, I THINK IT'S TIME  
WE JUST LOOKED AT IT  
REALISTICALLY  
AND CALLED IT  
QUITS

TIL  
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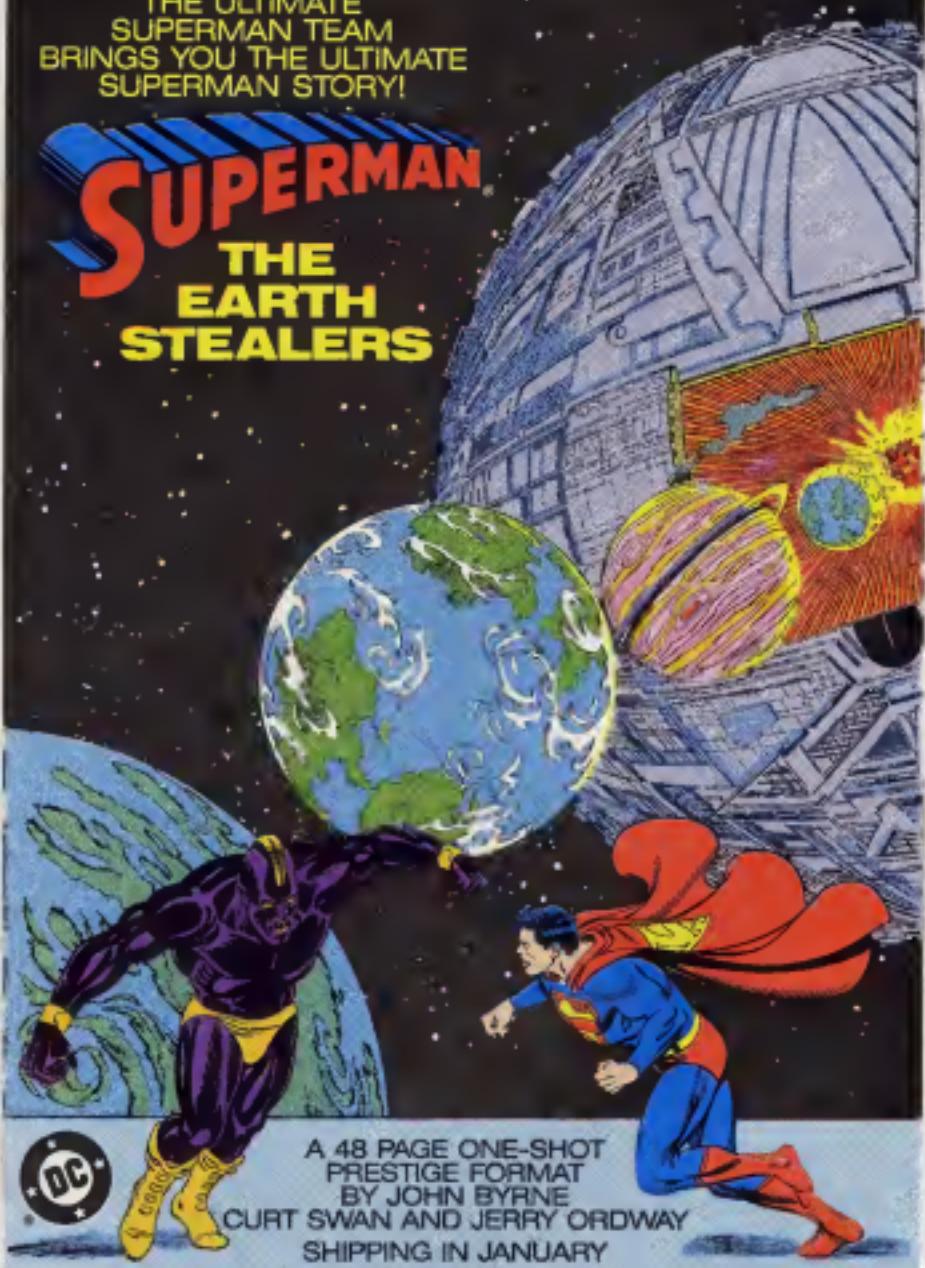
WHATEVER  
IT IS  
YOU DO...  
WITH ARM...



THE ULTIMATE  
SUPERMAN TEAM  
BRINGS YOU THE ULTIMATE  
SUPERMAN STORY!

# SUPERMAN

## THE EARTH STEALERS

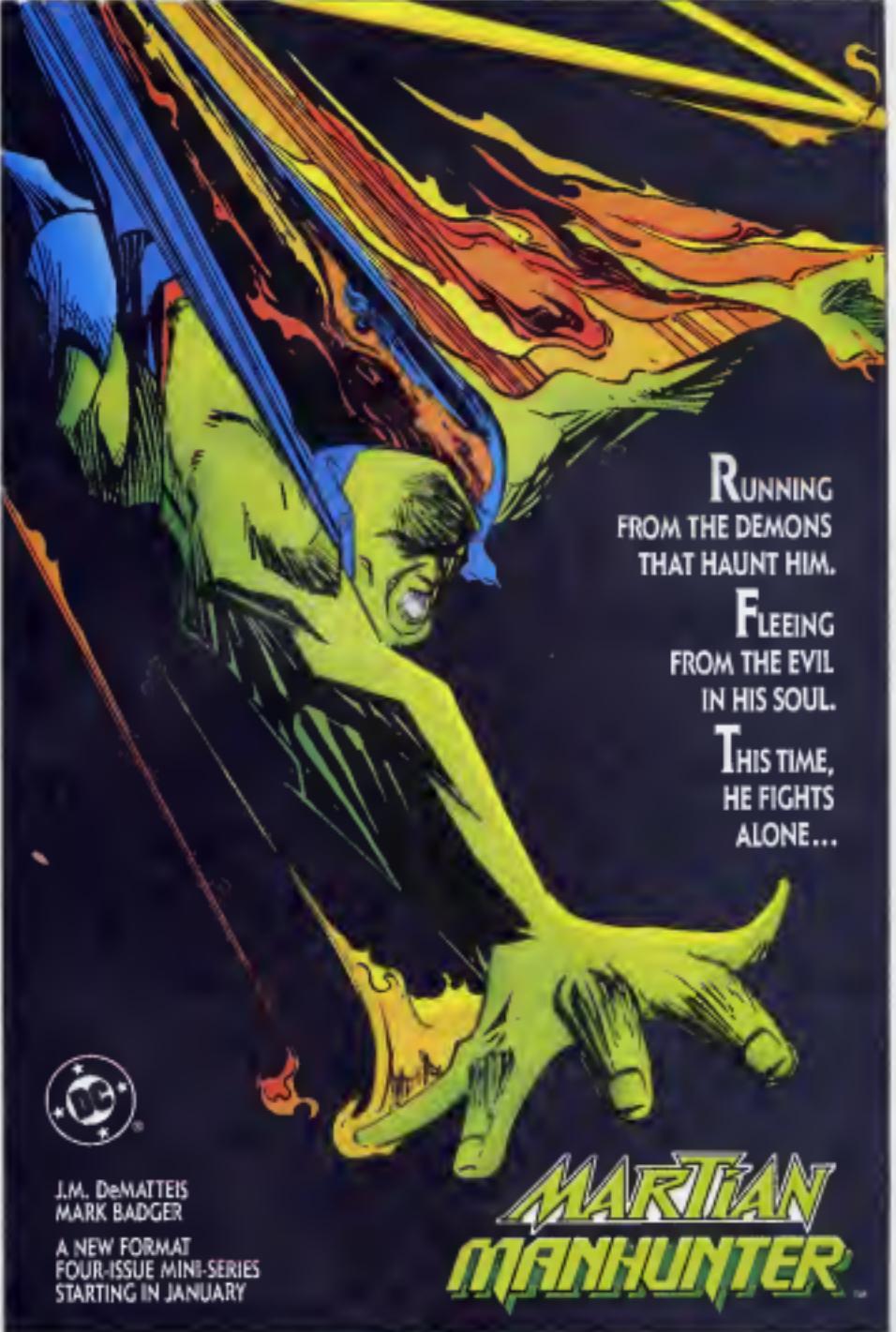


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PRESTIGE FORMAT

BY JOHN BYRNE

CURT SWAN AND JERRY ORDWAY

SHIPPING IN JANUARY



**R**UNNING  
FROM THE DEMONS  
THAT HAUNT HIM.

**F**LEEING  
FROM THE EVIL  
IN HIS SOUL.

**T**HIS TIME,  
HE FIGHTS  
ALONE...



J.M. DeMATTEIS  
MARK BADGER

A NEW FORMAT  
FOUR-ISSUE MINI-SERIES  
STARTING IN JANUARY

**MARTIAN  
MANHUNTER**

WHO, HARDEY--  
THE POLICE--  
OR THE  
BUST-UP-CHAN  
PROBLEMS?



BOH...



HARDEY--  
WHAT  
ARE YOU  
BREAKIN'  
ABOUT--?



W--WHAT  
DO YOU  
WANT  
FROM  
ME--?

I--AND I--  
YOU BE A  
SOY TOX,  
MONT.

YOU BE  
KNOWNIN' DAY  
FIGURE, MON  
AN' DAY TIME  
WE GETTIN'  
WHAT WE COME  
FO--?

PAY UP,  
MON-- AFORE  
WE GON TAKE  
DE DRAMATIC  
MEASURES!



JUST GIVE MORE  
SECOND-- I KNOW  
I PUT IT  
SOMWHERE  
IN HERE--

--IT'S OUR  
BEST  
CHANCE--

HARDEY,  
HARDEY--  
THEY'RE  
COMIN'--!



THEY--THEY--  
WE'VE FOLLOWED  
THE JOB--  
BACK HERE,  
MARGO, MY  
LOVE--

--THEY  
ACTION  
WHERE  
ARE  
EVEN--

WELL--  
THEN YOU JUST  
GO OUT THERE  
AND TELL THEM  
TO GO AWAY!

CHRIST, MARGO--  
WE'VE GOT TO  
GET OUT OF HERE--  
THOSE MEN  
ARE  
CRAZY--!

BUT  
AWEET,  
HARDEY--?





DOT'S IT,  
PERCY JENATTAH!  
WE GONE RAKE  
THROWDOWN!

YOU  
NEVER  
SAY  
NOTHIN'  
BOUT NO  
GUNZ!

TIME TO  
SPEECHES!

GUESS  
WE SHOWED  
THEM  
WE MEAN  
BUSINESS...

THEN  
I PRESUME  
THEY'RE BORN  
MARGO  
MY LOVE?

INDIED! THAT  
WAS GROOVE A  
PERFORMANCE,  
MASTER  
VINCENTZ!

I KNOW  
THIS LITTLE  
NUMBER WOULD  
COME IN HANDY  
SOME DAY...STILL,  
IT WAS NECESSARY  
A BIT JAZZY  
FOR THE BORGHT  
BELT...

WELL,  
IT WORKED,  
AT LAST!  
THEY DONT COME  
EXPECTING TO GET  
GROOVY AT-- EVEN  
WITH JEANS!

NOW, YOU JUST  
GET CLEARED UP  
AND I'LL TURN OFF  
THE VAMPIRE  
MACHINE--  
NICE KISSIN' TOUCH  
THAT...

SMOKE  
MACHINE--?

MARGO--  
I DON'T HAVE  
A GROOVE  
MACHINE--

WELL THEN,  
EITHER THE HOUSE  
IS ON FIRE,  
OR--

ENJOY OUR  
LITTLE  
PERFORMANCE,  
"MASTER"?

WATCH YOUR ZONE,  
MARGO.  
I APPRECIATE GROOVIN'  
LESS AND LESS OF LATE.

BUT YES--I DADD  
YOU TWO MADE IN  
FIVE SHOWINGS  
CONSIDERING YOUR  
DECEMBER YEARS.

WATCH IT,  
KIDNEY...

AND SINCE THESE  
ATTACKS ON YOU AND  
HARRY APPEAR TO BE  
OF A DECIDELY  
PERSONAL NATURE,  
I'VE RECONSIDERED  
HARRY'S REQUEST  
FOR A LEAVE...

YOU  
CAN'T  
DO IT!

REPORT TO THE CEASARION  
INTERNATIONAL CASINO IN ATLANTIC  
CITY. THE ENTERTAINMENT DIRECTOR  
WILL SET YOU UP IN ONE OF THE SWINGERS

HOT DOG!



WHY, ARTIE--  
YOU LOOK  
PARAPETIC--  
ALL THINGS  
CONSIDERED...

I  
BROUGHT  
YOU A--  
SHADOW  
A MINIT.  
WILLYA--

...DESPITE INSPECTOR  
CARDONA'S...RESISTANCE  
TO COMMENT ON THE CASE,  
ATTORNEY MR. BACH WAS  
ANXIOUS TO FILL IN THE  
DETAILS ON THIS AND  
THREE OTHER ALLEGEDLY  
INSANE DEFENDANTS HE  
REPRESENTS...

...BUT WAS *CAUGHT* AWAY  
WHEN ANOTHER OF HIS CLIENTS,  
A MEMBER OF THE ALLEGED  
UNDERWORLD *FINN* FAMILY,  
WAS FOUND AT THE SCENE OF A  
CENTRAL PARK SHOOTOUT  
THIS EVENING...

BACH ADVISED REPORTERS THAT  
HIS CLIENT WAS AN INNOCENT  
VICTIM, CAUGHT IN THE CROSSFIRE  
AS HE JOGGED THROUGH THE  
PARK, BUT POLICE HAVE NO CLUE  
AS TO WHO WAS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE DEATHS OF TEN  
OTHER REPUTED GANGSTERS...

THEY  
DUNNO  
WHO  
HULL?

IT WAS THE  
SHADOW--  
THAT'S  
WHO!

ARTIE--  
KEEP  
YOUR VOICE  
DOWN!

WE KNOW  
HOW YOU FEEL--  
HOW WE ALL  
TOTS--ABOUT THIS  
UNFORTUNATE  
INCIDENT...

--BUT THIS  
IS NEITHER  
THE TIME  
NOR  
THE PLACE  
TO EXPRESS IT!

YES--WE PULLED  
A LOT OF STRINGS  
TO GET YOU IN THIS  
PRIVILEGE ROOM WITH  
BACHE--THE CORP  
WANTED YOU IN THE  
PRISON INDUSTRY  
TILL YOU WERE  
WELL ENOUGH  
TO *DOOM*!

MAR. BACH  
HAS ALREADY  
BEGUN *DOOMING*  
ON YOUR CASE--  
PLAY IT COOL  
AND YOU'LL BE  
BACK ON THE STREET  
IN A FEW WEEKS!

YOU GUYS MUST BE  
DENSE!  
YOU THINK THIS  
WAS SOME KINDA  
ACCIDENT?  
A  
COINCIDENCE?

DON'T YOU GUYS  
GET IT? HE'S  
TOTALLY CRAZY--  
AND HE'S *AFTER*  
US! WE CAN'T  
TREAT HIM LIKE  
JUST ANOTHER  
CORRER--

WE GOTTA MOVE  
NOW--THROU  
HE PUTS US ALL  
IN THE HOSPITAL  
OR THE  
MORNING!

I REALLY  
THINK YOU'RE  
OVERREACTING  
TO THIS, ARTIE!  
HERE, HAVE ONE  
OF THESE, I'LL  
CALM YOU  
DOWN--

I DROPPED  
HIM UP THERE, ON TOP  
OF THE TRUCK--  
HE WAS LABORIN'  
AT ME--  
AT ME!

AN' THEN  
I HEAR ON THE  
TEEEVVEE,  
THEY'RE SAYIN'  
WE SENT OUT THAT  
PRONG GUY  
TO KILL ERROL!

WHIPPED  
THEM UP  
MYSELF  
JUST  
THIS MORNING.

KEEP 'EM,  
SHAWN--I AIN'T  
TAKIN' THIS ONE  
LYIN' DOWN!

I DON'T BELIEVE  
YOU'VE MUCH OF  
A CHOICE THERE,  
BROTHER!

BUT WE BROUGHT...  
PRESENTS!

HERE! I  
HAVE A  
FRANCE!

AND THIS PAINTING--  
I KNOW HOW  
YOU ADMIRE  
THEM SO--

YOU  
THINK SO?  
WATCHIN' THE REVERE  
BEFORE, I GOT AN  
AUGA--AND IF THESE  
GUYS AIN'T AN' ON IT--  
YOU CAN JUST  
GUT THE AUGA OUT!

SORRY  
I WAS  
DETAINED,  
BOYS--

--BUT I HAD TO  
PICK UP A  
LITTLE SOMETHING  
IN THE  
GIFT SHOP!

HOPING  
YOU LIKE  
THIS,  
ARTIE...

GET OUT!!

AM I  
INTERFERING  
SOMETHING,  
BOYD--?

A FAMILY  
DISSEMBLE,  
PERHAPS--?

MAYBE  
I SHOULD  
COME BACK  
SOME OTHER  
TIME...

INDEED. WELL,  
ARTHUR, WE'VE  
GOTTEN OURSELVES  
IN A BIT OF A  
JARRE,  
THIS TIME,  
EH?

YEAH--AND IT  
SHOULD'VE BEEN  
MY BROTHER ARTHUR  
YET?

BUT YOU  
APPARENTLY  
WAN INTO SOME  
UNEXPECTED  
DIFFICULTIES--

MIND IF I  
SIT DOWN?

YEAH,  
SURE,  
GO AHEAD--  
HE AINT' GONNA  
MIND--

AND JAMES,  
IF I MAY ASK,  
IS HE--?

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LORD--  
THE THINGS  
I DO...

WANDERING  
THROUGH  
THE CITY'S  
DEEPEST  
STREETS IN  
THE MIDDLE  
OF THE  
NIGHT...

THIS  
IS A JOB FOR  
DEWITT...  
TWENTYNIGHT  
ANYBODY  
BUT ME!

DOESN'T HE KNOW  
THIS ISN'T A  
SAFE PLACE  
FOR A  
HUMAN--

--OR  
DOES HE  
EVEN CARE?

STILL, WE'RE ALL  
GIVEN THE MASTERS  
ENGLISH LIP  
FOR ONE  
NIGHT...

AND FOR  
A SECOND THERE,  
IT LOOKED LIKE  
WE MIGHT'VE  
PUSHED HIM  
OVER THE  
EDGE...

SISTER  
NOW  
THAT'S A  
CHILLING TH--  
HEY,  
ENDLESS!!

HEY  
LADEE--  
YOU WANNA  
BUY A  
WATCH??

GOT ALL KINDS--  
GODCH, ROCKER  
YOU NAME IT!

TAKE A  
LOOK-SEE

THEY'RE ALL  
VERY NICE,  
BUT  
I'M REALLY  
NOT...

HEY--!

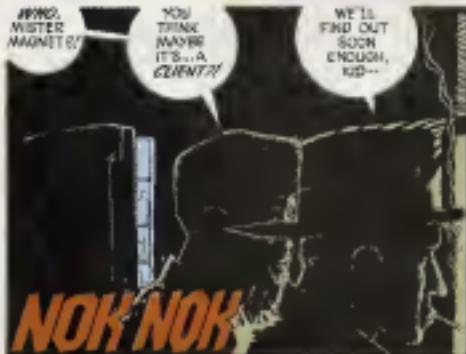
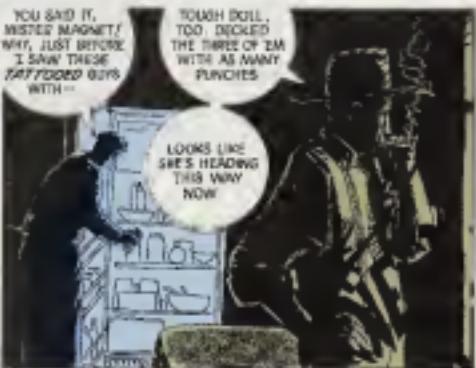
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THE--?  
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GREN--

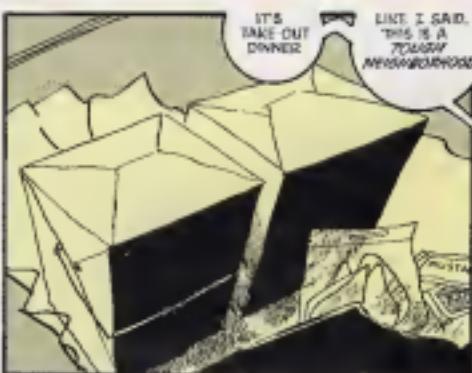
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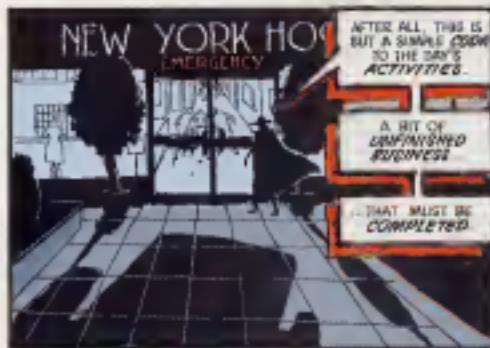
COULD'VE  
BEEN A  
PROBLEM  
NEXT TIME.  
I'LL  
HAVE TO--

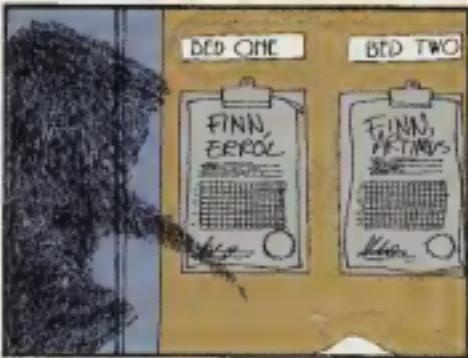
OOOOH,  
SISTER--  
AH LIKE  
THE WAY YOU  
MOVE--

POOON











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